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attn Water Management Board

In regards Water Right Filing No. 0494-2

WATER RIGHTS  
PROGRAM

I would appreciate if the Water Board would consider keeping the 1896 water right in place. We started leasing the Bollmann land in the spring of 1982 and have continued to do so since then. In 1982 we leased from Victor and Sylvia Bollmann who were a brother and sister. They are both deceased. We now lease from brothers Richard and Robert Bollmann who are Victor's sons and Sylvia's nephews. Our original agreement was to keep water rights in place.

I have filled out all the irrigation questionnaires and paid fees to the Rapid Valley Water Conservancy District. When we had water we used the existing ditches to spread water

Jacob my son and I met with Steve Quissell this past summer and went over the land where the ditches are. Steve gave us a copy of the 1896 water rights filing. I have visited with neighbors who's water rights date back to the same time frame. Not having the knowledge of how water rights work I didn't know the questions to ask. In my memory Rapid Creek flooded in 1972, In the 1990's Rapid Creek flowed high for several years. Then in the spring summer and fall of 2015. in the years this high water changed the banks of Rapid Creek and where it flowed. I'm not sure from 1896 to 1972 how many different ways people diverted or pumped water from Rapid Creek

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I & given the chance we would do what is required to keep the 1896 water rights in place. That would allow us to keep our original agreement with Victor and Sylvia Bollman in place, and allow myself and Jacob and his family to use the irrigation to benefit our cattle operation.

Thanks for your consideration

Sincerely  
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